

# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

PG #73-14

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

Ranelegh-Site & Cemetery

AND/OR COMMON

Contee-Wood House

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

north of Ritchie Road, at Rte. 495 (Now on Castlewood Place)

CITY, TOWN

Ritchie

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Prince George's

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

- ☒ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☒ STRUCTURE  
☒ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

- ☒ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH

#### PUBLIC ACQUISITION

- ☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

- ☐ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
☐ ACCESSIBLE  
☐ YES RESTRICTED  
☐ YES UNRESTRICTED  
☒ NO

#### PRESENT USE

- ☒ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☒ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☒ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

A.J. O'Mara et al (developers of

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

subdivision)

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Prince George's County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Upper Marlboro

STATE

Maryland

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
 SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**DESCRIPTION**

**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☒ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Nothing visible remains at this site, which can best be seen from the Capital Beltway (Rte. 495) near the power lines. The house was a large frame structure, of mid-19th Century vintage. It had been abandoned in recent years. It disappeared in 1972. The old Contee family gravestones were removed to "Mt. Lubentia" by Forest Bowie. There were several older tobacco barns, and a crop was planted here as recently as 1972. The site is presently being extensively graded for development.

# SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD

☐ PREHISTORIC  
☐ 1400-1499  
☐ 1500-1599  
☐ 1600-1699  
☒ 1700-1799  
☐ 1800-1899  
☐ 1900-

☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC  
☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC  
☐ AGRICULTURE  
☐ ARCHITECTURE  
☐ ART  
☐ COMMERCE  
☐ COMMUNICATIONS

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING  
☐ CONSERVATION  
☐ ECONOMICS  
☐ EDUCATION  
☐ ENGINEERING  
☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT  
☐ INDUSTRY  
☐ INVENTION

☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE  
☐ LAW  
☐ LITERATURE  
☐ MILITARY  
☐ MUSIC  
☐ PHILOSOPHY  
☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

☐ RELIGION  
☐ SCIENCE  
☐ SCULPTURE  
☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN  
☐ THEATER  
☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

- 1) PRINCE GEORGE'S POST, J.C. Wilfong, (Jan. 13, 1972).

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

9/20/73

STREET & NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

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The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

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Capital Centre Airport

LARGO CENTRE WEST

Exit-15

214

NORTHAMPTON BUS PK

Phyllis E Williams ES

Hampton Mall

Hampton Park

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ADC of Alexandria, Inc

1993

H W Wheatley

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Ritchie Co 37

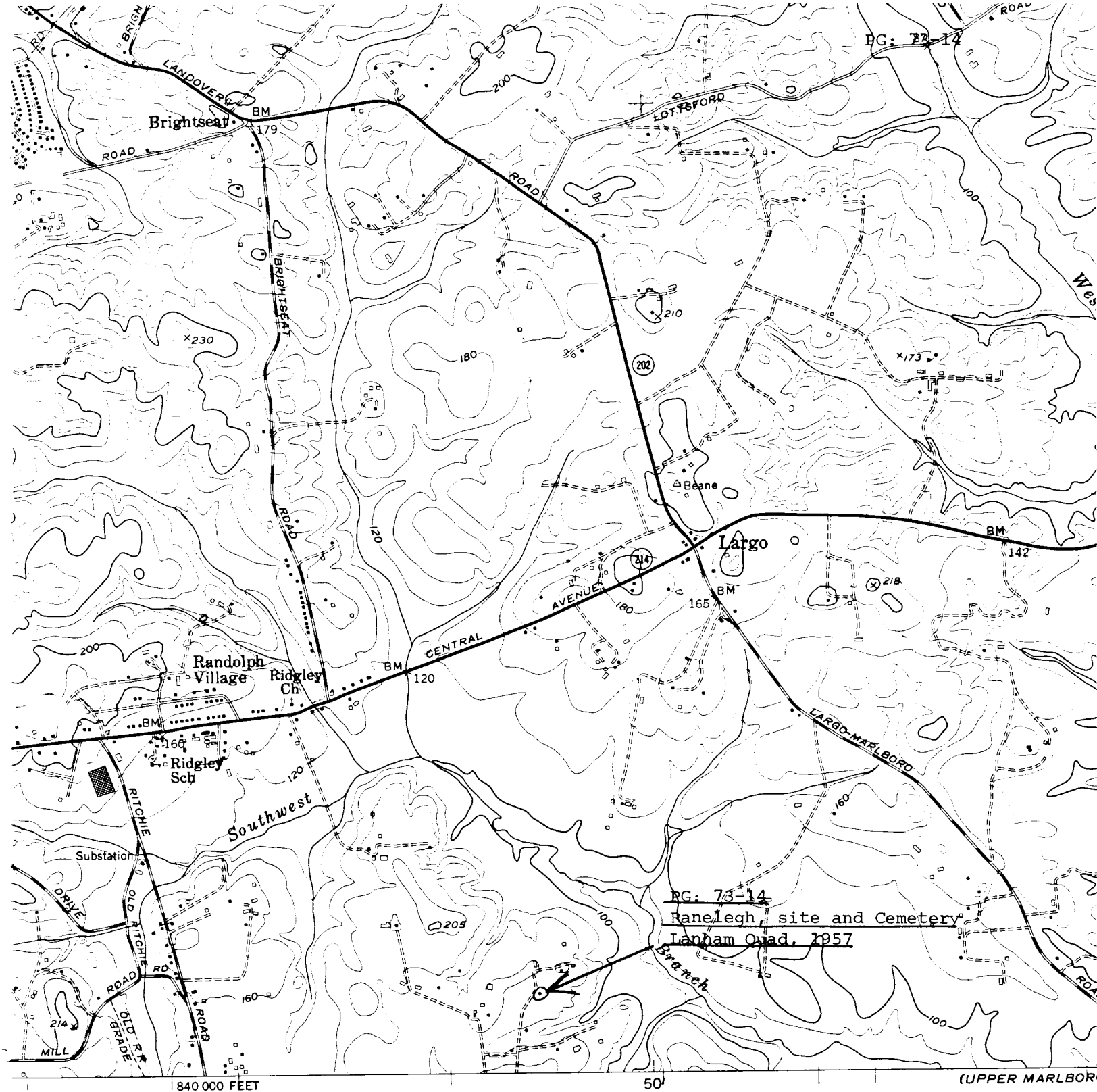
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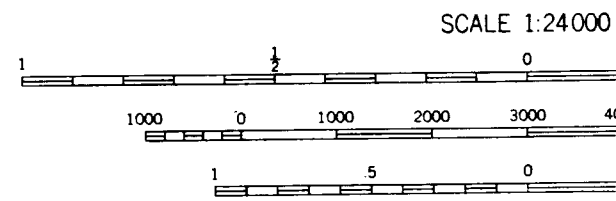
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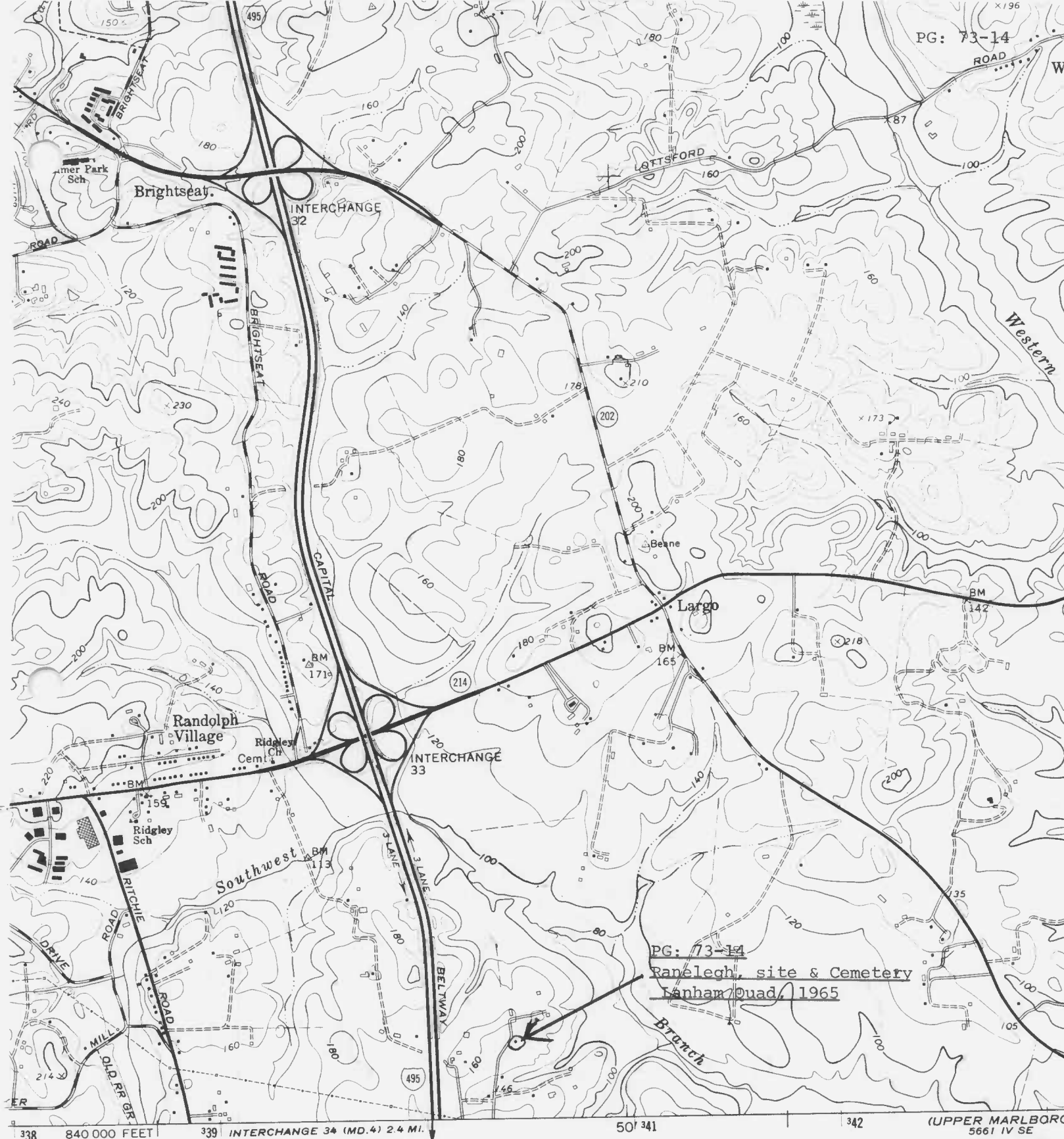
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Boundaries are shown in brown

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 MAGNETIC NORTH  
 APPROXIMATE MEAN  
 DECLINATION, 1957



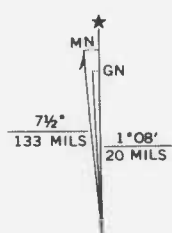
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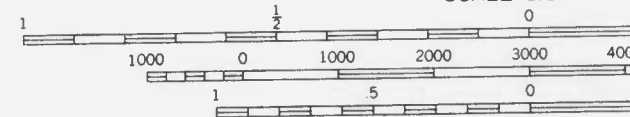
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NAME TOBACCO AND PRIZE PG # 73-14

LOCATION "RANELEIGH" SITE (BEALL PROP.) NORTH OF  
RITCHIE Rd. AT RT. 495 RITCHIE, MD.

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